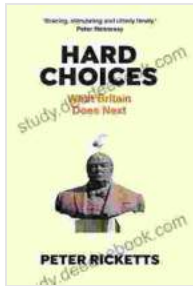


Hard Choices: What Britain Does Next

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Economic Choices

One of the most pressing choices facing the UK is how to manage its economy outside of the European Union. The UK has been a member of the EU since 1973, and its economy is deeply integrated with the EU's single market. Leaving the EU will mean that the UK will have to negotiate new trade deals with the EU and other countries. This could lead to increased tariffs and other barriers to trade, which could hurt the UK's economy.

The UK will also have to decide how to replace the EU's budget contributions. The EU provides the UK with billions of pounds in funding

each year, which is used to support a variety of programs, including infrastructure, research, and agriculture. The UK will have to find new ways to fund these programs, which could mean raising taxes or cutting spending.

Political Choices

The Brexit vote has also created a number of political challenges for the UK. The Conservative Party, which has been in power since 2010, is deeply divided over Brexit. Some Conservative MPs support a "hard Brexit," which would mean leaving the EU without a deal. Others support a "soft Brexit," which would mean staying in the EU's single market and customs union. The Labour Party, the main opposition party, is also divided over Brexit. Some Labour MPs support a second referendum on Brexit, while others believe that the party should respect the results of the first referendum.

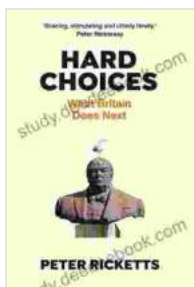
The Brexit vote has also raised questions about the future of the United Kingdom. Scotland and Northern Ireland both voted to remain in the EU, and there are concerns that Brexit could lead to these countries leaving the UK. The Scottish National Party, which governs Scotland, has already said that it will hold a second referendum on independence if the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

Foreign Policy Choices

The UK's decision to leave the EU will also have a major impact on its foreign policy. The UK has been a leading member of the EU, and it has played a key role in shaping the EU's foreign and security policy. Leaving the EU will mean that the UK will have to develop its own foreign policy, which could lead to a more independent and assertive role in the world.

The UK will also have to decide how to manage its relationship with the EU. The UK will no longer be a member of the EU, but it will still have to cooperate with the EU on a number of issues, such as trade, security, and migration. The UK will have to find a way to balance its desire for independence with its need to cooperate with the EU.

The UK faces a number of hard choices in the wake of the Brexit vote. These choices will have a profound impact on the country's economy, its politics, and its place in the world. The UK will need to carefully consider all of its options before making any decisions. The future of the UK is at stake.



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